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CROP PRODUCTION - OCTOBER 2014

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 2.59 million tons this year, up from 2.31 million tons produced in 2013, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 550,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, unchanged from 2013. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.70 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 4.20 tons per acre and the August forecast of 4.00 tons per acre.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. **alfalfa hay** production for 2014 is forecast at 64.5 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 12 percent from 2013. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.55 tons per acre, up 0.05 ton from August and up 0.31 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.2 million acres, unchanged from August, but up 2 percent from 2013.

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